

NOTE ON A CASE OF LEPROSY

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PLATE XVIII

Native of Hong Kong, age 45. Came to the outpatient department of Tropical School, 29th July, 1921, complaining of feeling ill, ulceration of face and generalised skin eruptions.

PRESENT CONDITION. The appearance of the face at once suggested leprosy. Both *alae nasi* were swollen and ulcerated, and there were fairly well developed nodules on the chin, forehead and cheeks. There was an extensive raised, ham coloured, rash on the arms, forearms, trunk and legs. The affected areas of skin were not anaesthetic except for small patches on the inner side of the left leg and foot and on the outer side of the right leg. No thickening of the superficial nerve trunks was observed. Scrapings from the skin lesions and from the *alae nasi* showed very numerous *lepra bacilli*.

HISTORY. The most interesting feature of this case is its history. The patient arrived in England in 1912 in good health, and has been employed until a short time ago as a laundryman in Cardiff. It was not until 1916—four years after coming to England—that he first noticed small spots on the left side of the face. No further change was observed until twelve months ago, when the ham-coloured eruption appeared on the trunk and upper and lower limbs. Five months ago he noticed for the first time the swelling of the *alae nasi*.

There is no evidence that the case had been diagnosed before we saw him: the patient and his friends were quite unaware of the fact that it was leprosy.

EXPLANATION OF PLATE XVIII

Photograph of a case of leprosy showing swelling and ulceration of *alae nasi* and nodules on various parts of face.

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